

Homeschool Friday Topics 2010-2011

Using our resources regularly, to enrich your history lessons? Are your students going the extra mile to learn history? Ask about our Student Recognition program and end-of-the-year awards ceremony!

August 13 - How to Study a Battle: Our annual introductory session, helpful whenever military matters enter into your curriculum. A basic introduction to military concepts goes a long way towards improving your understanding of history! Also, learn how to play with toy soldiers “properly”.

September 10 - SC’s Forgotten “Founding Father”: Charles Pinckney: South Carolina’s representative to the Constitutional Convention was a distinguished soldier, but his contributions were just beginning. (Also watch for Curator Joe Long to appear on ETV’s “Carolina Stories” episode about Pinckney, this fall!)

October 8 - Presbyterians and Privateers: The American Revolution in SC: A look at different aspects of the American Revolution in South Carolina, including religious influences and the war at sea.

November 5* - Border Troubles: SC in Three Mexican Wars: Whenever there’s been trouble along the southern border of the United States, South Carolina has had a military presence – from the commander of the Alamo, to the troops responding to Pancho Villa, and beyond. See original images and artifacts documenting the military history of the US/Mexican border.

** Please note that HS Friday in November will be on the FIRST, not the SECOND Friday!*

December 10 - Boy Soldiers: The SC Cadet Tradition: South Carolina has been well-known for promoting the military education of her young men. Historically some soldiers no older than some Homeschool Friday attendees went to battle – even, sometimes, in leadership positions! Learn the about the historical reasons for the training of “boy soldiers,” midshipmen, and cadets, and their influence on military history.

January 14 - Blue and Gray Naval Adventures: The South Carolina coast saw some of the most daring and dramatic naval adventures in American history, including the escape of the slave Robert Smalls aboard the steamship planter, and the Confederate submarine Hunley’s bold attempt to break the blockade of Charleston.

February 11 - The Carolinas Campaign: In 1865, war came home to South Carolina, as Sherman’s army advanced and Confederate forces tried to impede

its progress. This session is a “must” in order to give a “big picture” view of any of the local reenactments you might attend!

March 11 - Monuments and Memory: Guest instructor Krissy Johnson, author of “No Holier Spot of Ground”, explains the history and significance of military monuments and gravestones – to include cemetery visit or slideshow, depending on weather and available opportunities. Please confirm location of this session, 1-2 weeks prior to attending.

April 8 - War in the Clouds: SC Military Aviators: Technology changes; duty does not. Learn how 20th century South Carolinians carried out their missions on an entirely new “battlefield”!

May 13 - Awards Ceremony!

Please note that these dates may be subject to change. Updated information, as well as additional education resources, can be found online at <http://www.crrteach.sc.gov/CRR/>. You may also contact Joe Long, Curator of Education, at wjlong@crr.sc.gov or (803)737-8098.